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TO : The Director

DATE: 16 November 1948

FROM : Assistant General Counsel

SUBJECT: Proposed CIA Law for Admission of Aliens. *12*

1. Attached herewith is a draft of a section regarding the admission of aliens for the proposed CIA law.

2. This draft is substantially the same as that proposed last year, with the following exceptions:

a. Line 1 has been changed from, "When the Director shall determine. . ." to read "Whenever the Director and the Attorney General shall determine. . ."; and

b. The number of aliens to be admitted has been raised from 50 to 100.

3. The change set forth in paragraph 2(a), above, was made pursuant to a request contained in a letter, copy of which is attached, from Peyton Ford, The Assistant to the Attorney General, to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, dated 17 March 1948. This letter also suggested that the word "application", contained in line 11 of the attached draft, was intended to be either "applicant" or "alien". Actually, the intention was to use the word "application", as the present laws require the application to be in a certain form, failure of which would bar issuance of the visa. Therefore, we have retained the word "application" in the present draft.

4. While we have not cleared with the Department of Justice on the raising of the figure from 50 to 100, no objection from them is envisaged, as they have been most cooperative and approved the draft last year.

5. Last year's draft was also approved by the Comptroller General in a letter to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, dated 12 March 1948, in which, speaking of Section 6 which included the proposed admission of aliens, Lindsay C. Warren stated that while the section provided -

"For the granting of much wider authority than I would ordinarily recommend for Government agencies generally, the purposes sought to be obtained by the establishment of the Central Intelligence Agency are believed to be of such paramount importance as to justify the extraordinary measures proposed therein. . . . In

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Following is the text of a letter which the President has sent to the heads of departments and agencies of the government:

November 6, 1948

"Dear -----

You are requested to submit to me by November 29, 1948, the subjects which you would propose for inclusion in the State of the Union message and the Economic Report of the President to be presented to the Congress in January, 1949, together with a brief explanation of each subject, its relationship to the current activities and plans of the Commission, and the relative emphasis which you would recommend. You should include any views which you may care to present at this time concerning special Presidential messages during the forthcoming session of the Congress. Your reply should be forwarded directly to me at the White House.

You are also requested to submit by November 29, a report on the proposed legislative program of your Commission. Your report should show (1) the subject matter of all legislation which you desire to propose for consideration at the forthcoming session, (2) the state of readiness of legislative drafts and supporting material, (3) reference to the bills and House or Senate reports in the 80th Congress concerning the subjects covered in your program, together with a brief appraisal of the adequacy of these bills, (4) your views on the timing of introduction and Congressional consideration, and (5) the names of other departments and agencies which, in your judgment, are interested in the same subjects. While these reports should be as complete as possible, supplementary listings may be submitted until December 15, 1948, but it is expected that your legislative program will be fully developed by that date. These legislative reports should be forwarded to me through the Director of the Bureau of the Budget. They will not, of course, replace the individual submissions required by Budget Circular No. A-13.

Ten copies of your replies to these requests will be required for use in the Executive Office. The White House staff, the Council of Economic Advisers, or the Bureau of the Budget may make additional requests for material or arrange for discussions with your representatives to whatever extent may be required.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ HARRY S. TRUMAN"